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SUBJECT: ARMED FORCES COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 6

1. QUOTE: THE JOINT COMMAND OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATION ADDRESSES THE PUBLIC WITH THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING CLEARLY THE FOLLOWING POINTS ARISING FROM THE EVENTS OF JUNE 5.

I. YESTERDAY, EARLY IN THE MORNING, A SMALL GROUP OF CIVILIANS AND MILITARY MEN HEADED BY LT. COL. RAUL LOPEZ LEYTON, LT. COL. RICHARDO SANCHEZ AND MAJOR GARY PRADO, ASSUMED AN ATTITUDE OF FRANK CHALLENGE TO THE ESTABLISHED ORDER AND ATTEMPTED A SUBVERSIVE MILITARY COUP WHICH INVOLVED AN ELEMENT OF THE TARAPACA REGIMENT THAT TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE PALACE OF GOVERNMENT WITH SOME ARMORED VEHICLES.

II. THE LEADERS OF THIS CONSPIRACY TALKED WITH THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND PROPOSING A CHANGE IN THE SCHEME OF GOVERNMENT, BUT IN THE FACE OF THE FIRM AND LOYAL ATTITUDE OF THE JOINT COMMAND AND OF THE LA PAZ GARRISON UNITS, THEIR ACTION WAS COUNTER-ACTED AND GOOD SENSE AND JUDGMENT PREVAILED.

III. LATER ON, AS THE CHIEFS OF THIS FRUSTRATED ATTEMPT ESCAPED AND SOUGHT PROTECTION IN CERTAIN EMBASSIES, THE ELEMENT OF THE TARAPACA REGIMENT, SEEING ITSELF WITHOUT COMMAND AND COMPLETELY ISOLATED, RETURNED TO ITS HEADQUARTERS AND ABANDONED ITS POSTURE (OF REBELLION).

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2. AS THESE IRRESPONSIBLE ACTS DAMAGE THE PRESTIGE AND MORAL AND

PROFESSIONAL DIGNITY OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATION, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT, THE HIGH COURT OF PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES, FULLY ANALYZING THE SITUATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, ORDERED THE DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE MILITARY INSTITUTION OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE CONSPIRACY OF JUNE 5:

1) LT. COL. RAUL LOPEZ LEYTON; 2) LT. COL. ALFREDO CALVI BALDIVIESO; 3) LT. COL. RICHARDO SANCHEZ ALARCON; 4) LT. COL ALEJANDRO UZQUEDA VILLAVICENCIO; 5) MAJOR GARY PRADO SALMON; 6) MAJOR SERGIO OISINAGA ZAMBRANA; 7) CAPT. CARLOS ESCOBAR ESCOBAR; 8) CAPT. TOMAS RIVERA RICO; 9) LT.. GASTON LOPEZ ZAPATA; 10) LT. GONZALO BARRIENTOS DE UGARTE; 11) LT. JULIO VALENZUELA CORDOVA; 12) LT. CARLOS LLANOS BADANI; 13) LT. FERNANDO LOYZA AYALA; 14) LT. HUGO CARDENAS VILLANUEVA; 15) 2ND LT. JUAN C. CASTRO MOLINA; 16) 2ND LT. EDGAR QUEZADA RODRIGUEZ; 17) 2ND LT. FERNANDO VILLAGRA TAPIA; 18) 2ND LT. JUSTINIANO SAGARRA VERASTEGUI; 19) 2ND LT. JAMIE PAZ VELASCO; 20) 2ND LT. CILO BURGOS APARICIO; 21) 2ND LT. ARIEL AVILA PINO; 22) 2ND LT. OSCAR LOBO ROMANO; 23) 2ND LT. HERNAN PUYAL RAMIEREZ; 24) 2ND LT. LIONEL TELLEZ BRUNN.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, HAVING CONSOLIDATED THE ESTABLISHED INSTITUTIONAL ORDER, THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATION, DESIRING COMPLETE TRANQUILLITY IN THE COUNTRY AND REJECTING ANY ALTERATION OF PUBLIC ORDER AND SOCIAL PEACE, INFORM THE CITIZENRY THAT, WITH THE SAME FIRMNESS WITH WHICH THEY REJECTED THIS SUBVERSIVE OUTBREAK, LOYAL TO PROPOSALS OF THE COCHABAMBA CONSULTATION IN FAVOR OF THE GREAT NATIONAL OBJECTIVE, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THEIR FULLEST AND MOST DECIDED SUPPORT TO THE PATRIOTIC WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT PRESIDED OVER BY HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL HUGO BANZER SUAREZ.

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